

Probation Commission

History

The Probation Commission was created in 1903 and is one of the County's oldest official bodies. The probation Commission was established to meet the requirement that each county in California have a juvenile justice commission. Commission members are designated as "Officers of the County" and are authorized to be called "Commissioners" in official correspondence and in the conduct of official business.

Under provisions of State law (Section 240 of the Code), the Commission is mandatory and consequently has a permanent status in county government.

On February 23, 1960, by Board order, the Committee was increased from nine to ten members.

In April of 1987, at the request of the County Board of Supervisors, the Legislature amended the Welfare and Institutions Code to change the title of the Probation Commission. In July, this action was signed into law by the Governor as part of AB 1287.

On September 7, 1999 by order of the Board, the Commission was increased from ten to fifteen members.

Structure

The Probation Commission consists of fifteen members, serving four-year terms. Three Appointments are granted each of the five County Supervisors, reflecting the diversity of the community. The Commission is charged with overseeing the administration of juvenile delinquency law in Los Angeles County. Commissioners are selected because of their expertise in juvenile justice issues and come from varied backgrounds including the private and public sectors as well as academia.

Functions

The Probation Commission holds regular public meetings to review Probation programming, facility inspection reports, address issues that impact the administration of the Los Angeles County juvenile justice system and develop recommendations to the appropriate County Departments. It also issues an Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors.

Primary Focus

The focus of the Probation Commission is to assist all Los Angeles County Departments in ensuring that the Los Angeles County juvenile justice system is humane and effective. The commission is committed to promoting the health, education and success of youth involved in the juvenile justice in order to redirect youth who have exhibited antisocial behavior.